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Hongkong, February 13, 1908.

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Intending Exhibitors are reminded that
information of the classes in which they
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Hon. Secretary 6, Beaconsfield Arcade, not
later than Wednesday, the 19th February.

Non-Members will be charged an entrance
fee of 50 cents for each class entered.

Gardens entered for 'Best kept Gardens'
will be judged between 20th and 24th
February.

All Pot-plants must be staged between
9 A.M. and 6 P.M. on the 26th February,
Vegetables and Cut Flowers by 10 A.M. on
the 8th February.

L. GIBBS,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, February 8, 1908.

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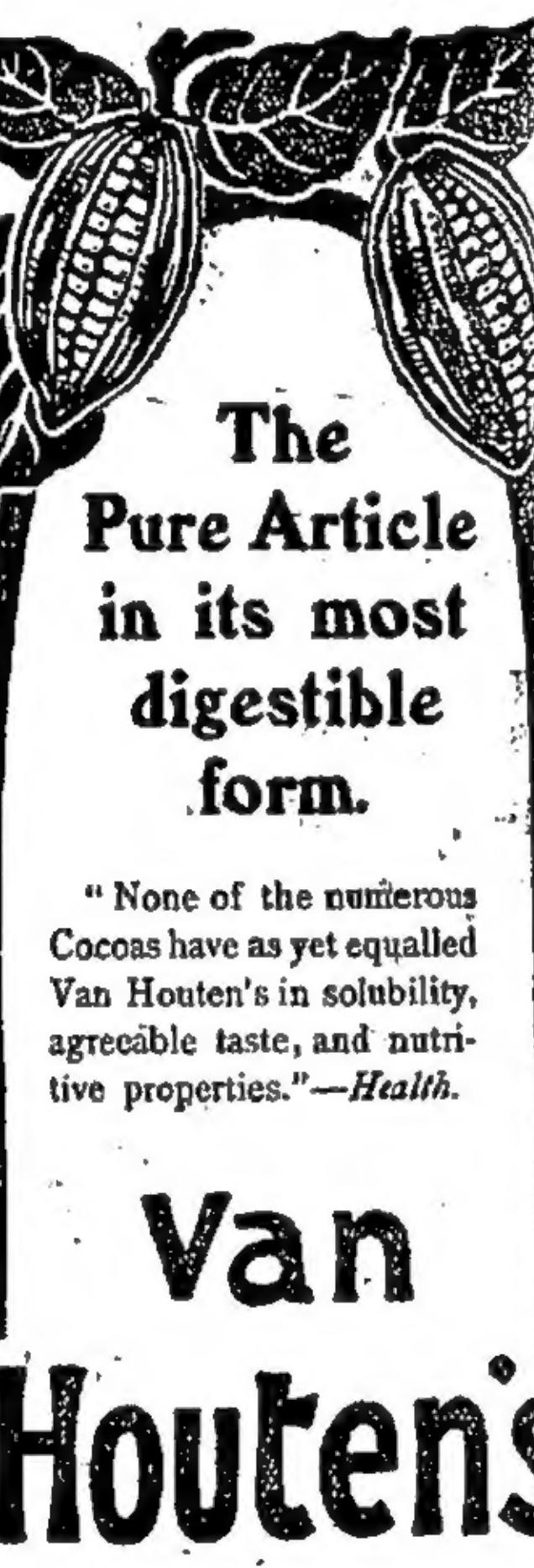
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NOTICE.

APPLICATIONS will be received by the
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1908, for the Post of ACTING SECRETARY to the above Club for Twelve Months
from the 1st April, 1908 to the 1st April, 1909, with the prospect of a permanent
appointment as Secretary.

Applicants should be unmarried as resi-
dence on the Club Premises is essential.
By Order,

O. H. GRACE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 27, 1908. 141

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Having been appointed AGENTS for

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Hongkong, August 7, 1907. 1228

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Moving Against the Foreigner.

(From Our Correspondent.)

CANTON, February 10.

Another sign of the pursuit of the
"China for the Chinese" ideal is given in
the fact that a further despatch from the
Peking Government to Governors and
Viceroy of various Provinces reached
Canton yesterday.

The despatch, which is mainly about
mining matters, is to the effect that now
regulations have been concluded by the
Peking Government and that the strictest
precaution must be taken in all matters,
mineral especially, for the protection of
China's sovereignty.

Instructions have been sent throughout
the Empire to refuse all concessions to
foreigners, and the Peking Government
orders that these instructions must be
adhered to by officials in dealing with
foreigners.

In the case of concessions to be worked
by joint undertakings, the agreements must
be strictly scrutinised in order that no loss
of sovereignty is incurred.

The despatch concludes by instructing
the Canton Viceroy to submit at the
earliest possible moment a statement of
the various mining concessions within his
jurisdiction, with a report of present con-
ditions relating thereto attached.

THE WATER SUPPLY.

Level and Storage of Water in Reservoirs
on the 1st February, 1908.—

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATERWORKS.

	LEVEL	1908.
Tsuiwan, 12 ft. 4 in. below overflow.	17 ft. 0 in. below overflow	100,000,000
Braemar, 25 ft. 9 in. below overflow.	25 ft. 9 in. below overflow	25,000,000
Lokkiwan, 1 ft. 2 in. below overflow.	0 ft. 0 in. above overflow	10,000,000
Poktsien, 20 ft. 6 in. below overflow.	13 ft. 6 in. below overflow	5,000,000
Wong Kai Cheung, 1 ft. below overflow.	0 ft. 4 in. below overflow	3,000,000
Total.....	113,470,000	497,844,000

Consumption of Water in the City
and Hill District during the month of
January.

	1907.	1908.
Consumption.....	105,500,000	107,211,000
Estimated population.....	238,100	299,100
Consumption per head.....	44.0	34.4
Intermittent supply, by Rider mains during January 1907. Constant supply in all districts during January 1908. The return of consumption is subject to error owing to the difficulty of accurate measure- ment whilst the extension works at Albu y Filter-Beds are in progress.		

HOLLOW WATER WORKS.

LEVEL

1908.

	1907.	1908.
Kowloon Gravity.....	57 ft. 0 in. below overflow	100 ft. 0 in. below overflow
Kowloon Reservoir.....	25 ft. 9 in. above overflow	100 ft. 0 in. below overflow
Kowloon Gravitation.....	100 ft. 0 in. below overflow	100 ft. 0 in. below overflow
Consumption of Water in Kowloon during the month of January.		

	1907.	1908.
Consumption.....	50,700,000	51,893,000
Estimated population.....	214,000	210,000
Consumption per head.....	2.1	2.5 gallons
The Government Analyst reports that the water is of excellent quality.		

W. CHATHAM,
Water Authority.

PLAQUE AT SAN FRANCISCO.

LONDON, January 6.

A San Francisco message says that the
city has appointed a Committee comprising
leading citizens for the purpose of
studying the means to exterminate the
bubonic plague, is constantly spreading.
It is feared that if the present conditions
continue there will be a terrible outbreak
of the disease in the spring.

The Kobe Electric Light Company con-
tinues to make a satisfactory return to
shareholders says the "Japan Chronicle."
The net profit for the last half-year
amounted to Y101,532, including Y10,404
brought forward. Of this sum, Y9,000
has been put to the reserves, and Y12,176
will be distributed as a dividend at the rate
of 14 per cent. per annum, Y10,356 being
carried forward. With such a high
dividend, consumers have the right to
expect to share in the prosperity of the
company by an improvement in the quality
of the light supplied and a reduction in the
price. Japanese labour is supposed to be
cheap, but the electric light in Kobe is far
dearer and incomparably inferior to the
electric light supplied in Europe or
America.

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Manager.

Hongkong, January 24, 1908.

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Hongkong, November 18, 1907.

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HOOD.—On February 9, at 108 Chappo Road, Shanghai, the Wife of J. R. Hood, of a Son.

DEATH.

JOHNSON.—On February 9, at the General Hospital, Shanghai, FRANK GARFIELD JOHNSON, aged 25 years.

RETURN THANKS.

Mrs WILLIAM DANEY, of No. 5 Queen's Gardens, desired to return her sincere THANKS for the many kind letters, telegrams, and floral tributes received by her in her recent sad bereavement.

MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Meeting.

Noon.—Meeting of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, at the City Hall.

General Memoranda.

TUESDAY, February 13.—Registration of Shares of the Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd., close from this date to 25th Feb., inclusive.

WEDNESDAY, February 14.—4 p.m.—Audit of Race Ponies opposite the City Hall.

Goods per *Globe* undelivered after this date subject to re-tariff.

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TUESDAY, February 20.—9 p.m.—Performance by Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club in City Hall.

Transfer Books of the China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., close from this date to 6th March, inclusive.

MONDAY, February 24.—Noon.—Meeting of Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Offices.

2.15 p.m.—Meeting of His Majesty's Justice of Peace at the Magistracy.

4 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce at City Hall.

TUESDAY, February 25.—Noon.—Meeting of the Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office.

THURSDAY, March 5.—Noon.—Meeting of the China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office.

NOTICE

Letters relating to business should be addressed to THE MANAGER.

Communications relating to news should be addressed to THE EDITOR.

Correspondents must forward their names and addresses with any communications addressed to the Editor, not for publication but as evidence of good faith.

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HONGKONG, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1908.

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN.

PERHAPS it would be unwise to enquire too closely into the reasons which induced the Liberal Government to lead off a new session of Parliament with a measure such as the Children's Protection Bill, the chief provisions of which were supplied in one of our exclusive cables last night. Everyone knows that the Administration is in an awkward corner. Since it displaced the Balfour Cabinet it has established a singularly poor record. Recent by-elections have shown that the British constituency is becoming tired of a Government which was so remarkably prolific in promises when in opposition but which has been so lamentably feeble in performance in office. Reckless promises made in the days of irresponsibility are now coming home to roost, and the Government is faced with the necessity of finding money for Old Age Pensions and other semi-socialistic schemes to which it has committed itself.

There is no money available for these schemes, and since the Government, above all things, pledged to maintain the country's fiscal policy there is no possibility of raising any. Direct taxation has been maintained on a war basis and there is no hope from that quarter. In

these circumstances it is not a matter for surprise that the Government seeks to stave off the day of reckoning by introducing legislation of a non-partisan character. The welfare of the young is

a matter of concern as much to the Unionists as to the Liberals. Numerous proverbs might be quoted to show that, from the earliest times, it has been recognised that the proper upbringing of the young was of the most essential importance to the State. This does not apply alone to education in the usually accepted sense of the word. The morals and physique of the rising generation require careful safeguarding and upon the intelligent care bestowed in this direction depends the future of the nation. If the fount be polluted so necessarily must be that which flows therefrom. With reference to the endeavour to be made to check cigarette smoking opinions will probably differ. But the consensus of medical opinion seems to be that the effect of cigarette smoking generally is injurious and if this is admitted then it must follow that the effect upon those who are still immature would be doubly disastrous. Prohibitive legislation of the character outlined in our cablegram will, however, be extremely difficult to carry into effect. Passing from this point we find that it is unlikely that it is an eminently wise thing to abolish imprisonment—at all events in common gaols—of children. When juvenile offenders are sent to gaol they are, in effect, apprenticed to the trade of crime. They have free and eagerly offered tuition in crime by professors who have gained disrepute distinction in their calling. The young are naturally impressionable and easily led, and they are both consciously and unconsciously moulded for evil by the gaol-birds with whom they are compelled to consort. The proposed legislation, in so far as it puts an end to this source of pollution of the young, must be heartily supported. Again the proposal to have special children's courts and magistrates is one that commands itself. The associations of the police courts are such that being brought into contact with them could have but an ill effect upon the young. Magistrates that habitually in such courts become accustomed to dealing with criminals who in many cases are confirmed in crime and their attitude towards offenders brought before them must be in some way affected by their experience. Special magistrates, dealing exclusively with juvenile offenders, would be more likely to qualify justice with sympathetic mercy. On the whole therefore we are disposed to believe that, whatever motives the Liberal Government may have in bringing in the Children's Protection Bill so early in the session, the measure is one that compels support and would be an acquisition to the Statute Book.

History repeats itself. Was it not the Greeks who compassed the destruction of the Trojans by concealing themselves in a wooden horse?

The Suffragettes have, to-day, called the attention of the police to the fact that they are

lively with the cash that they attracted the attention of the police and were arrested.

They admitted the theft, and were sentenced at the Magistracy, to-day, to six months' imprisonment each.

According to a correspondent travelling of all sorts is becoming more or less dangerous in Chekiang, and if the authorities do not take effective measures to bring these enemies of society (robbers) to account, this will not be a safe region in which to build a railroad.

Two Indians just from India robbed a countryman of \$200 in bank notes and 12 sovereigns, and at the news they were

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Prince Ching has personally asked the Throne that the officials who had been dismissed owing to the impeachment of Tsen Chuan-hsun (late Viceoy of Canton) should be allowed to state their plea of innocence to the Censorate in order to be re-appointed to their original positions.

Next Sunday, at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. at 3.30 p.m. the Rev. J.H. Greene, of England, will speak. Mr Greene, who is the organizer of the "The World-wide Evangelization League," is making a tour of the East and has spoken in many Associations. The address will be interesting.

A snapshot of the Tibetan Matches. Forests of oak, pine, poplars, birch, and elm, varying in density amidst the mountain slopes, or fringe the ravines all the way, while in the numerous little flats are crops of grass which easily covered the highest horses.

Fortunately the disaster took place when most of the workmen were out, or more fatalities would have resulted.

No damage to the neighbourhood has been incurred.

CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY.

Inspection by President.

(From Our Correspondent.)

CANTON, February 13.

Sir Chen Tung Liang Cheng, in company

with the members of the Committee of management, left on the 11th on a special train for an inspection of the Canton-Hankow Railway. The party started from Wongsha, the terminus at Canton, and steamed as far as Fayou District.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1908.

THE CHINA MAIL.

THE JAPANESE BUDGET.

Passes Lower House.

(From Our Correspondent.)

TOKYO, February 14.

The House of Representatives of the Japanese Diet, after a protracted discussion, in which the Saionji Cabinet was subjected to attack for disregarding its promise not to impose fresh taxation, has passed the Budget by a small majority.

AN EXPENSIVE ALARM.

Impatience and the Peak Tram.

At the Magistracy this morning, before Mr F. A. Hazland, Assistant Paymaster Mr A. F. B. Livesey, R. N., was charged with wilfully interfering with the workings of a Peak tramway by removing the warning apparatus attached to a car which was stationed at Victoria Gap on February 4, and with endangering the lives of persons on such car. Mr J. Scott Harston (of Messrs Ewens and Harston) appeared in the prosecution. Defendant, appalled in person and pleaded guilty.

Mr Harston said that on Tuesday, February 4 a special car in conjunction with a football dinner was ordered for 11.45 at the bottom tram station (St. John's Place). A couple of minutes after the time the bottom car started off, the Company's arrangement was that the signal to start was always given by the brakeman at the bottom. At that time the brakeman did not give a signal; he was in the Company's office answering a telephone from the engineer on top. The top brakeman boarded his car, but the bottom brakeman was unable to do so. Luckily, however, there was a relief point-man at the bottom station and he jumped on the car and held the brake, which did not swing clear. If it had been the case that both brakemen were away and the point-man was not there, one could not tell what might have happened.

Mr Hazland—What is it alleged that the defendant did?

Mr Harston—Started the lever at the top.

Mr Hazland—The brakeman did not give the signal?

Mr Harston—The defendant started it, the brakeman being there. Defendant said that he was ignorant of the fact that the signal would start the car. It was some minutes after the car should have started, and his sole idea was to draw their attention.

Mr Hazland—You've been in those cars frequently and must know that they never start without a brakeman. You must have known there was no brakeman there at the time.

Defendant—I simply wanted to draw his attention. I was in ignorance of the working of the car.

Mr Hazland (to Mr Harston)—Was it really a dangerous act?

Mr Harston—I am instructed it was.

Mr Hazland—I see the maximum penalty is only \$25. The defendant will pay a fine of \$15.

THE UNION WATER BOAT CO.

Third Annual Meeting.

The third annual meeting of the Union Waterboat Company, Limited, was held at 3 p.m. Mr G. H. Medhurst was in the chair and there were also present—Messrs S. Silverstone, G. C. Moxon, Duncan Clark, T. Skinner, A. Ritchie, G. R. Edwards, A. N. Skelton, G. C. Barrett, J. D. Atald, P. Mori, J. W. C. Bonnar, Yamada, and R. Coughtrie (Secretary).

The notice convening the meeting having been read, the Chairman said:—Gentlemen. The report and accounts have been issued some days ago, with your consent, I propose to take them as read. In April last we amalgamated with, or rather absorbed, the Hongkong Steam Water Boat Co., Ltd., and allotted shares in payment of the assets of that Company; our paid-up Capital now stands at £277,230. In June we launched another steam steel water boat, and with the water boats we took over from the Hongkong Steam Water Boat Co., Ltd., our fleet numbers 12 steam water boats, one junk and a small launch. With this fleet we are fully equipped for an expansion of our trade which we hope will continue to increase. During the year we spent a considerable sum of money in repairing and overhauling the boats taken over from the old Company, which amount has been debited to working account. I may mention that our five large steam steel water boats are insured, but so far we have not seen our way to afford to insure the smaller boats. We are, however, aiming at creating an insurance fund to cover the risk. You will note from the report we propose to write £13,618.77 off the value of the boats for depreciation, and trust this will meet with the approval of shareholders. If there are any questions you wish to ask, I shall, before proposing the adoption of the report and accounts, be pleased to answer to the best of my ability.

There being no questions the Chairman proposed the adoption of the report and accounts. Mr Skelton seconded and the motion was carried.

Mr Skinner proposed the confirmation of the appointments of Messrs Duncan Clark, G. C. Moxon, and T. Kusumoto to the Consulting Committee.

Mr Bonnar seconded and the motion was carried.

The Chairman.—That is all the business gentlemen. Thank you for your attendance. Dividend warrants will be ready tomorrow.

DR SAMUEL JOHNSON.

At the Union Church Literary Society's room last night Mr Amos P. Wilder lectured on Dr Samuel Johnson. The lecture was listened to with great attention.

In the course of the discourse Mr Wilder said that Boswell's Life of Johnson is well called the greatest of biographies. Boswell was a hero-worshipper, he followed Johnson like a faithful spaniel, and was often snuffed and cuffed; but his book differs from the usual bald eulogy in that he felt his hero could not be lessened by the full light of truth and he made his word-picture complete by leaving no line of inquiry untouched. He even tried to ascertain what Johnson did with the orange-peel in his pocket; and to enrich his note-book Boswell once asked Johnson how he would proceed were he left alone in a castle with a new born baby. Macapay hammers poor Boswell to a shapeless mass but Berkley Hill and other champions have sprung to his rescue. Boswell was impudent, but he was impudent in a good cause—namely, the matchless portraiture of a great man. We need not admire Boswell personally, for he was a talk-hunter, vain, at times disreputable; but he was of no mean abilities, for he could carry his part in conversations with Burke, Goldsmith, Gibbon, and Reynolds: he was a proptector of the highest order and a writer of discrimination, well sustained and of a clear, spirited style. Those who love Dr Johnson must have a kindly feeling for Boswell.

Night brings on the stars, and pure gold is the fruit of the crucible's heat. So Johnson's character and works were the outcome of a life never wholly out of misery. It is the story of many lives of achievement. He was born of a melancholic cast; his face was swarthy; he was practically blind of one eye; his form was ungainly and afflicted with convulsive twitches; he was sensitive and proud, and humiliations ground him deeply; he led a grub street life of poverty and obscurity for a dozen years. Even when a pension of £300, at the age of 63, made him comfortable for his last 22 years, a fear of death clouded the man day and night, and his philosophy as set forth in "Vanity of Human Wishes" and "Rasselas" is one of grim endurance. There is no glad triumphant note in Johnson, nor even of cheerful patience. It was a teaching of uninspired duty. Nevertheless in the man were wit and kindness and an unfailing spring of sound morality. He came to London with Garrick; each had few pennies in his pocket and Johnson a tragedy. Garrick staged this nine years later for a few nights only; it was not a success. Johnson became a hack-writer and was often hungry.

Johnson said he counted that day lost when he did not make a new acquaintance. His counsel was to "keep one's friendship in repair"; as they fall out, add new ones. He was a man of wide connections. He was in touch with some of the leading men of the kingdom and there was a talk-chandler's wife with whom he sometimes dined. His best thing, "Lives of the Poets," was done at the age of 69. The social instinct was strong in him. The best part of his life was at the famous "Club," which was a score of celebrities, with himself as the central figure; and when he was past 70 he founded a new club. He was ever fresh; the day was a better one than the day before, and to-morrow full of promise. His knowledge was wide—few men ever had his range of information, due it may be, to the seven years he spent on the "Dictionary," which made his fame.

In social converse he excelled; it is said there never was so good a talker. He was fluent, so precise, so rich in illustration and imagery, so sparkling, so logical. "To read his "Rambler" essays or "Bassals" is to come on a succession of new thoughts—one marvels at the content. Contemporaries agree that his off-hand talk was like his writings—equally fruitful and well delivered. An explanation of this power, he said it had been a life habit always to talk his best; to arrange and deliver his thought with the most effectiveness. It is not strange that plans were made to lure him on with a good dinner which he ate voraciously, to incite him with studied remarks and then to sit back and enjoy the treat. He was the literary dictator of his time as Dryden and Pope had been in earlier days. Goldsmith is better known and loved and will perhaps be longer remembered, but he was outshone when Johnson was talking.

Poor "Goldy's" pride was much hurt one evening at the "Club" when he was interrupted by a German. "Stay, Stay, Tochter Johnson is about to say something."

Dr Johnson was a man of prejudices like most strong men. But in his writing he was always just, or meant to be. "Time, whose judgments mock our own," has reversed him at points. He could see little good in Gray's Elegy, the one important thing this man of Cambridge wrote. He ranked Richardson above Fielding, but the former once saved John Johnson from jail for debt. He wrote pamphlets against the American in the war of the Revolution and his enemies said he was earning his pension. But this was unjust; his independence is undoubted. He was, however, intuitively right about human slavery in all countries. He had a strange prejudice against the Scotch, who furnished him with some of his most memorable witcisms. He was devoted to the established order in State and Church. To him Charles the Second was admirable. He disapproved of women in public activities; said of a woman's preaching that it was like a dog walking on his hind legs, "it isn't

done well, but the wonder is it is done at all."

Methodist and Quaker movements were judged harshly by him, yet there are suggestions that the strength of them was not lost on him. He had a vein of superstition in him—not silly but persistent. Alleged ghost appearances ever interested him and he said truly enough that a topic which was forever recurring for 6000 years merited investigation.

Strong sense and persistent morality characterized Johnson. He sometimes talked for victory, then he employed sophistry. His prejudices made him say violent things, and he did not catch all the relations between men. It was as a moralist that he exerted his greatest influence. English literature and on his generation.

He liked to point to the point to mislead the emotions and he lived too early to know the latter-day piping religious movement predicated on the Spirit of Jesus rather than on varying interpretations of the Bible; but his reverence was genuine, his meekness as shown in his diary-prayers beautiful. He was a strong man well-circled by principle.

THE RACES.

The last race yesterday was the Nil Desperandum Stakes and was run after we had gone to press. The result was as follows:

THE NIL DESPERANDUM STAKES.—A Sweepstakes of £5 with £300 added. Second to receive £100, and Third £50. For China Ponies, Subscription Griffins of this Season 1907-1908 that have run and not won at this Meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5lb. Five Furlongs.

Mr Lanark's Glenlui 10st 12lbs (Mr Gigg) 1

Mr Willgriff's Butterpunch 10st 1lb (Mr Reid) 2

Mr F. H. May & Mr W. Shadu's Mulotter 10st 10lbs (Mr Heathcote) 3

Mr Armstrong's Skirbeck 10st 13lbs (Mr Hyne) 0

Mr Buxey's Striped Rose 10st 9lbs (Mr G. Master) 0

Mr Crocker's The Ditch 10st 7lbs (Mr Large) 0

Mr Dryadust's Pilgrim 10st 7lbs (Mr Dupree) 0

Mr Elbow's Hilarious 10st 9lbs (Mr R. Master) 0

Mr T. S. Forrest's Renfrew 10st 2lbs (Mr McF.) 0

Mr F. B. Marshall's Gun Tree 10st 12lbs (Mr Vida) 0

Mr G. C. Moxon's Vexation 10st 10lbs (Mr Hickman) 0

Mr G. C. Moxon's Resignation 10st 11lbs (Mr Johnstone) 0

Mr Redcar's Finess 10st 4lbs (Mr Jordan) 0

Mr Redcar's Chigani 10st 1lb (Mr Seth) 0

Mr Smith's Quicksilver 10st 13lbs (Mr Roberts) 0

The field was the largest of the meeting and much depended on the start. Glenlui was the first to shout out and he retained his lead to the end. The ponies, excepting Glenlui, were pinched at the turn into the straight and the run home saw Glenlui win from Butterpunch and Mulotter. Time 1:18.00s.

Post-mutuel £51.80 winner: £14.80 on the first pony; £10.20 on the second; and £42.40 on the third. Cash sweep payments were £1613.10 on the first pony; £42.60 on the second; and £21.30 on the third.

THE OF DAY.

The programme for to-morrow's races is out. There will be a "Lucky" Cup, John Peep Cup, Visitor's Cup, Lance Cup, Rose Cup, Tree Cup, and a match between Starlight (Mr Gigg) and Mainstay (Mr Large), weight 10st 1lb. Distance one mile and a half.

CORRESPONDENCE.

WHAT IS A LOTTERY?

(To the Editor of the CHINA MAIL.)

Sir,—I read with much interest the correspondence which appeared in your issue of yesterday under the above heading, and may, so far as I am concerned, be greatly obliged if you would allow me to encroach a little on a space in a column of your next with a story which is a fitting answer to it.

Once upon a time an old man rode an ass, led by his son when, lo! the shout of the public! "Shame, shame," they cried, "an old man rides while a youngerster walks." "Indeed, they are right, my son," said the father; "so you better ride while I will walk." Scarcely, however, had the journey been resumed when the ass was full of shouts "Fool, lot the old man ride." "Father," said the son, "tis hard to satisfy the public. What shall we do?" "Easy," replied the veteran, "let us both ride," but no sooner had they done so when scolding protests were showered upon them against the cruelty to the dumb beast. "Let us then walk," suggested the father, and they did so, very proudly, each on a side of the ass, in the expectation of "approbation" by the public, but their peace of mind was again disturbed by the critic. "A nice companion!" Thus entangled in the meshes of puzzlement they sought, but still in vain, to escape from their bewilderment by carrying the ass on their shoulders! Let us hope, Mr Editor, that so such an extremely the Hongkong Government will not be led. The leather medal "For Consistency," or rather "For Inconsistency," would rather be better awarded to those persons who allowed the Hongkong Jockey Club's admissions to the local journals to be disregarded, the latter nuisance being in particular noticeable, specially in the Place Betting Shed and in the Weighing Room.

Yours, etc., J. M. G.

THE AMERICAN ARMADA.

NEW YORK, February 10. President Roosevelt approves of the heavy fortification of Manila Bay.

The fleet has passed safely through the Megellan Straits.

TOKYO, February 10. The Japanese in California are making a contribution to the fund for a welcome to Admiral Robley Evans and his fleet.

COMPANY REPORTS.

MISSIONARY TROUBLE.

German Church Burnt.

(From Our Correspondent.)

CANTON, February 13.

Just before the close of the Chinese New Year the German Consul-General sent a despatch to the Viceroy intimating that a church belonging to the German Mission at Tung Kun District has been burnt down by the natives and asking for an explanation.

Ge. TLEINER.—The Directors have now to submit to you their Report, with a Statement of Accounts for the half-year ended December 1907.

The net profit for the six months, after paying interest due and all charges amount to £160,611.95, to which has to be added the balance brought forward from last Account £401,560.36. Total £865,172.41.

The Directors recommend that the Directors' Fees, £10,000, and Auditors' Fees, £750, having available for appro-

priation, £641,442.51.

The Directors recommend that a Dividend for the half-year of 8% or £200,000.00 be paid to Shareholders, and the balance £442.51 be carried to the now account.

During the past six months we have delivered several of the new vessels mentioned in the last report, namely, a Steel Tow Boat for Manila, Composite Tow Boat for Singapore, Fireboat and Wood Tow Boat for Hongkong, while we have disposed of a launch under construction for ourselves.

The other vessels were well advanced at the close of the year, and the profits on same will come into the present half-year.

The prospects of new work are favourable, as we have several enquiries likely to result.

The Douglas "Canton River" was employed for several months during the past half-year, and is now under charter to the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Dock Company, Limited.

The extension to the Boiler Shop at Kowloon Dock and consequential alterations are progressing satisfactorily.

DIRECTORS.—The Hon. Mr W. J. Green, Mr N. A. Siebs, Mr E. Goetz and Mr A. Haupt, having resigned their seats on leaving the Colony, the Hon. Mr Henry Kewick, Mr A. Fuchs, Mr W. Holms and Mr G. Friedland have been invited to fill the vacancies. These appointments require confirmation at this meeting.

In accordance with Clauses 78 and 85 of the Articles of Association, Mr G. H. Medhurst and Mr H. Jeffries have been elected Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the year 1908.

AUDITORS.—The accounts have been audited by Mr H. U. Jeffries and Mr H. Percy Smith, F.C.A. The Directors recommend Messrs Jeffries and Percy Smith for re-election.

H. P. WHITE, Chairman.

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The following is the report of the Board of Directors to the Ordinary Half-yearly meeting of Shareholders to be held at the Office of the Company, on Tuesday, 25th February, at 12 o'clock, noon:

The Directors beg to submit to the Shareholders the Report and Statement of Accounts for the half-year ending 31st December.

After paying running expenses, salaries of Managers, rent and all other charges to our servants including £27,102.59 to reward for last year's work, a sum of

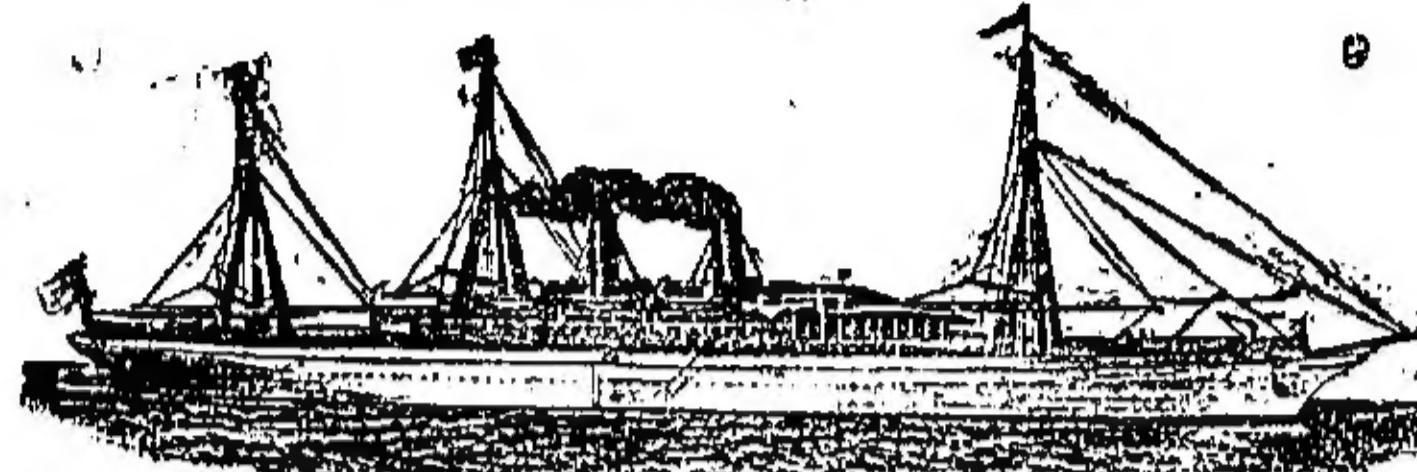
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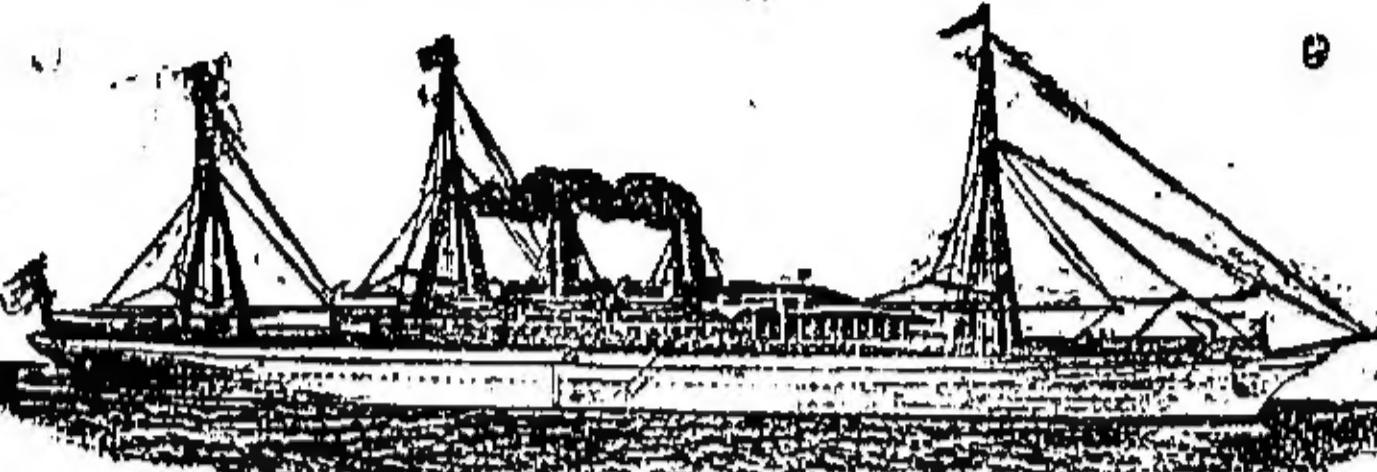
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TONS	HONGKONG	FROM COLOMBO TO	PILOTED	TONS	SATURDAY,	TONS	SATURDAY,	TONS	PILOTED
DEVANHA	Nov 29	BRITANNIA	1908	BRITANNIA	Mar. 21	MOULtan	Mar. 28	MOULtan	1908
DELTA	Feb. 22	MOULtan	April 4	MOULtan	April 11	DELHI	May 2	DELHI	May 9
MARMORA	Mar. 7	(calling at Bombay)	April 18	(calling at Bombay)	April 25	MALTA	May 15	MALTA	May 23
DELHI	8000	AUGUSTA	May 2	HIMALAYA	May 20	MONGOLIA	June 3	MONGOLIA	June 21
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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 15th of February, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they may be examined on TRUESDAY, the 1st of March.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undermentioned.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, MELOCHERS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, February 12, 1908. 236

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO, HONOLULU, JAPAN & SHANGHAI.

CONSIGNEE OF CARGO FOR STEAMSHIP NIPPON MARU.

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 12 o'clock Noon, the 13th inst., will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense.

Cargo remaining on board after 5 p.m., FRIDAY, February 14th, 1908, will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

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FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship KUTSUNG, having arrived from the above Ports Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their goods will be delivered from alongside.

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BOSTON STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

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STEAMSHIP KUMARIC.

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No claims will be recognized if not presented within 14 days of the ship's arrival.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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